

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT FOR THE OPENING OF THE WHITE WAY; BE THERE

NEW 1600 BLOCK LOOKING EAST

CHURCH PUTS
MISSIONS ON
WIDER BASISPresbyteries Hereafter to
Direct Work in Respec-
tive Divisions.

ABANDON ONE-MAN IDEA

General Assembly, Meeting at
Chicago, Also Declares
War on Liquor.

Chicago, Ill., May 27.—The Presbyterian general assembly today adopted a plan for the reorganization of the board of home missions. The plan of specific details which will be worked out by the new board enlarges the board from 24 to 30 members, takes the management from a general secretary and places it in the hands of four or more coordinate secretaries, leaves the general headquarters in New York, but gives the west the headquarters of the church extension department and allows synods and presbyteries supervision over some missions in their territory.

Chicago, Ill., May 27.—"The liquor traffic must go!"

With this as its slogan the Presbyterian general assembly adopted yesterday what is probably the most radical anti-liquor program ever sanctioned by a Christian church.

The program as recommended by the committee on temperance and approved by the general assembly was as follows:

Approval of the Hobson and Shepard bills now pending in congress for national-wide prohibition.

Passage of an order forbidding Presbyterians to become members of clubs which dispense liquor and demanding the immediate resignation of church members from such organizations.

Reaffirmation of order of 1913 assembly calling upon members of the church to refuse to appear in court for saloons or to aid them or their proprietors in any way.

Commended Secretary of the Navy Daniels for his order barring liquor from the navy.

Approval of the American Medical society for its dissemination of information concerning the harmful effects of alcoholics.

Condemnation of cigarettes as a percursor of drink.

Indorsement of the Anti-Saloon league, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the National Temperance Union and all other societies having for their object the destruction of the liquor traffic.

Indorsement of an appeal to public officials not to appoint to high office persons "opposed to the better moral aspects of affairs."

A resolution calling upon the assembly to make no exception of the use of liquor for sacramental purposes was referred to the committee on temperance.

No Compromise, is Slogan.

The real significance of the assembly's stand against liquor was revealed in the assertion by a commissioner yesterday that thousands of Presbyterians belong to exclusive and highly respected clubs, both in Chicago and elsewhere in the nation, where liquor is sold. These members are brought face to face with the uncompromising order that they resign either from the church or from the offending clubs.

The report was submitted by Professor Charles Scanlon of Pittsburgh, general secretary of the temperance committee.

Other important acts of the day's session were:

The selection of Rochester, N. Y., as the place for holding the 1915 assembly.

Adoption of the report of the special committee on education, which gave the committee the right to continue its study of the proposed consolidation of the boards of education, publication and Sabbath schools and the college board.

Approved the establishment of elders' associations wherever advisable.

Approved the policies of the college board, and elected David B. Forgan and Dr. W. C. Covert to membership on the board.

Delays Proposed Merger.

The reading of the report of the special committee on education precipitated one of the most heated debates of the 1914 session. The acceptance of the report operated to postpone for another year the proposed merger of the educational, college and publication and Sunday school boards.

The question of the adoption of the temperance resolutions aroused considerable debate, but the vote on the measure showed but little active opposition to the policy as adopted.

On the rostrum during the afternoon session with the moderator and clerks was Rev. Sylvester W. Beach, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Princeton, who officiated at the recent marriages of President Wilson's daughters.

The popular meeting at Orchestra hall last night was devoted to the interests of home mission work.

The real battle of the present assembly is expected to develop today, when the committee on home missions makes its report.

11-YEAR-OLD BOY IS
WITNESS FOR MOTHER

The contested divorce case of Lindblade vs. Lindblade, which is on in circuit court, was featured this morning by the testimony of Clarence Lindblade, 11 year old son, who testified against his father. Judge R. W. Olmsted carefully examined the lad as to his knowledge of what an oath was and he surprised the court with his bright replies.

Missing Aviator Lands.

London, England, May 27.—The Evening Mail says Gustave Hammel, the British aviator who had been given up as lost in the English channel, landed today from a fishing boat at South Shields.

MEDIATION SEEN
AS HOPEFUL SIGN

Mohonk Lake, N. Y., May 27.—Mediation by Argentina, Brazil and Chile in the Mexican situation, and apparent progress already made by the conference, at Niagara Falls, were pointed out by speakers at the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration, today, as most encouraging sign of the present time in the cause of peace.

J.W. SWAN, NOTED
INVENTOR, PASSESEnglishman Had Solved Problem
of Producing Incandescent
Electric Light.

London, England, May 27.—Sir Joseph Wilson Swan is dead, aged 86. He invented the first incandescent lamp and solved the problem of producing the incandescent light, thus making possible general use of electricity for lighting purposes. He invented many other electrical devices, including the miners' safety lamp. He perfected the carbon process and dry plate which revolutionized photography.

ROCK ISLAND BOY
JUDGE ON COASTM. J. Roach Appointed to \$6,000
Position by Governor
Johnson of California.

(Special to The Argus.)

Laporte, Ind., May 27.—M. J. Roach of Rock Island, Ill., a graduate of the Valparaiso University Law school, who married Miss Margaret Bundy, a teacher in the schools of that city, is now city judge of San Francisco, Cal. The position pays a yearly salary of \$6,000. The news has just been received by Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Pugin of Valparaiso and other relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Roach. The appointment was received directly from Governor Johnson. Mr. Roach was born in Ireland in 1877 and came to this country with his parents. When he decided to enter Valparaiso university he was an iron molder in Rock Island, Ill. He left for the coast after his graduation.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE
RELEASE FROM JAIL

Frank Katz, a junk dealer who resides at the corner of Thirtieth street and Eighth avenue, was released from the federal jail yesterday morning after having served a nine months' sentence for stealing goods from box cars here. In honor of his release a party of his friends arranged a big celebration last night at the Katz home and a big time was enjoyed. Far into the night they sang, danced and rejoiced.

Katz was convicted in the federal court at Peoria last fall and has been in the federal prison since that time.

TWO SCHOOLS WILL
GRADUATE CLASSES

The Thirty-eighth street school, located at the corner of Thirty-eighth street and Twenty-fourth avenue, will hold graduating exercises at the school tomorrow afternoon. Seven pupils will graduate and an excellent program has been prepared.

Tomorrow evening the Silvis school will graduate a class of pupils.

Conan Doyle Visitor.

New York, May 27.—Sir Conan Doyle, the British novelist, accompanied by Lady Doyle, arrived here today. Doyle said England had stood all it could from militant suffragettes and that he anticipated a "wholesale lynching."

It is Doyle's first visit in 20 years.

HEAR HUERTA
IS READY TO
QUIT HIS JOBOfficial Sources at Wash-
ington in Receipt of
Fresh Assurances.

PLANS ARE ABOUT MADE

Dictator Wishes to Withdraw
With Dignity—Carranza
Seeks Mediation Voice.

Washington D. C., May 27.—Representatives of the constitutionalists here took steps today to reopen the question of representation at the Niagara Falls mediation conference.

John Lind and Attorney Douglas, legal representative of the constitutionalists, held what was termed a neutral conference. Neither would disclose under what conditions the constitutionalists are willing to participate, but the opinion was revived that the powers of a Carranza representative would be very limited, perhaps only for the purpose of furnishing information.

Whatever might be the first conditions upon which Carranza would send representatives to the conference the fact that he is willing to send them at all is generally regarded here as a very favorable indication.

Official dispatches from Mexico City received by diplomatic sources here today says the "withdrawal" of Huerta is "possible," and add that it is being delayed by the necessity of arrangements to permit the dictator to abdicate with dignity.

Mediators Make Progress.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 27.—The South American envoys and Mexican delegates suspended work today to attend a party this afternoon at Toronto in honor of the duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada. Lieutenant Governor Gibson of Ontario will be host. As the party left it was apparent all were highly optimistic of the successful outcome of the conference. With the land question satisfactorily adjusted, the mediators and delegates were concentrating attention on the exact manner in which a new provisional government might be set up to succeed the Huerta regime. The mediation conference in all probability will not choose the provisional president. This will have to be done by the Mexican government itself. But the purpose is to draw up a list of representative Mexicans from which a certain number might be approved by the United States and all parties concerned so there would be no question about recognition being accorded the individual chosen therefrom. The select few, it is understood, will be submitted to the constitutionalists and an effort will be made to meet the viewpoint of the Zapatista element. Ultimately it is the aim of the mediators to set installed a man acceptable to all factions.

Prepare for Zacatecas Assault.

El Paso, Texas, May 27.—General Villa's forces are hastening preparations for an assault on Zacatecas City, capital of Zacatecas state. It is asserted that the railroad from Torreon, Villa's concentration point, has been repaired nearly to the next point of attack. Troops in large numbers have already been sent south along the repaired railroad, and all possible reinforcements have been rushed into Torreon from Saltillo, recently taken by the constitutionalists.

Two Americans Survive.

Versailles, France, May 27.—Two Americans, Francis Outmet and Henry Topping, were left to fight out the final round for the French amateur championship to be played tomorrow.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled but generally fair weather tonight and Thursday, continued warm. Temperature at 7 a. m. 75. Highest yesterday 90. Lowest last night 73. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 7 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 51, at 7 a. m. 70.

Stage of water 5.9, a fall of .1 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter. The seven grouped stars overhead forming the Big Dipper have also been called Charles' Wain and the Butcher's Cleaver.

NEW 1600 BLOCK LOOKING WEST

PATMONT IS NEAR
A NERVOUS BREAKAfter Visiting Scene of Abduc-
tion Dry Leader Faces Col-
lapse and Will Take Rest.

Danville, Ill., May 27.—Rev. Louis R. Patmont is on the verge of a nervous breakdown, according to his friends and physicians, and the abduction case in which he was central figure is as perplexing a mystery as ever to the authorities.

So far no clues have been found to the identity of the four men who Patmont says "grabbed" him at Westville, March 31, and held him captive for 50 days. State's Attorney John H. Lewman said yesterday afternoon that so far no evidence has been found that might be made the basis for arrests or indictments.

The story which Patmont narrated to the grand jury contained no clues as to the identity of the abductors or the whereabouts of the cellar in which the prohibition worker says he was held prisoner.

Patmont was taken yesterday to the scene of his disappearance at Westville. His description of the point and time of his capture is said to tally exactly with the idea established by the men who investigated his disappearance a week or two after it occurred.

The detectives now are working on the theory that the cellar in which Patmont says he was imprisoned for about 50 days is not far from Danville. In the automobile yesterday much time was spent in tests of speed, Patmont keeping his eyes closed, and from these experiments the investigators incline to the belief that the automobile that took Patmont to Columbia Friday night was driven most of the time at a rate of 40 miles an hour. The distance between Danville and Columbia is about 184 miles. It is thought that the trip took the men from a point near Danville to the abandoned farmhouse, where Patmont was found.

Harry Colt, deputy sheriff, returned to Danville yesterday after tracing the red car, which, from the testimony of Monroe county farmers, is supposed to have been the one in which Patmont was transported, to a point eight miles north of Columbia. Here marks were found where an automobile had run into an embankment. In his story Patmont has spoken of such an incident.

Another theory advanced is that the Italians who Patmont says were among the abductors may have worked at one time in the stone quarries at Columbia, and thus learned of the abandoned farmhouse.

Patmont did not appear before the grand jury yesterday. In a day or two he will be taken to some quiet place for recuperation.

Rev. Claude F. Witty, pastor of the Plum Street Church of Christ, Detroit, says activities will be redoubled to get to the bottom of the mystery.

NEPHEW OF GATES LEAVES
BIG ESTATE TO HIS WIDOW

Aurora, Ill., May 27.—The estate of Henry Rockwell Baker, 23 years old, of St. Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baker and favorite nephew of the late John W. Gates, was filed in the Geneva probate court yesterday for legal distribution. There is no will.

The estate consists of personal property valued at \$100,000 and real estate valued at \$5,000. The young widow, Mrs. Nina Carlson Baker, will get the \$100,000 personal property, and one-half of the real estate. The other half of the real estate will go to the youth's parents unless they relinquish their rights.

The Gates millions were offered to Dr. F. F. Friedmann, the famous Ger-

DURBAR WINS
EPSOM DERBY
BY 3 LENGTHSAmerican Owned Colt, 20
to 1 Shot, Captures
Big English Stakes.

POT VALUED \$32,500

Horse Backed Heavily by Citi-
zens of United States—King
and Queen Are Present.

*Epsom, England, May 27.—Durbar II, belonging to H. B. Duryea, the only American entry, won the derby today.

H. Cholmondeley's Hapsburg was second and H. J. King's Peter the Hermit, third. There were 30 starters. Durbar II won by three lengths. The last American owner to win on English derby was Richard Croker, who carried off the classic race with Orby in 1907.

The stakes, valued at \$32,500, is for colts and fillies of 3 years old. The course is about a mile and a half.

Durbar II, a bay colt, was bred by Francis Duryea, who has already a string of eight victories to his credit. Chief of these was the race at Newmarket in 1912 which he won with Sweeper II. Duryea has stables both in England and France.

INDICT FOUR MEN
AS INCENDIARIESState Fire Marshal's Depart-
ment Offers Evidence of
Attempted Fraud.

Springfield, Ill., May 27.—Accused of conspiring to burn property at Quincy, to defraud insurance companies, officials of the state fire marshal's department furnished evidence upon which the following four men were indicted by the Adams county grand jury:

Robert C. Cox, prominent farmer of Sherman, Ill., W. A. Brady, Decatur, real estate dealer; Harvey A. Six, Springfield, now serving a sentence at Joliet for burning the Aldine hotel at Peoria, two years ago; James A. Royle, Stewardson, Ill.

The alleged conspiracy to burn the property which was insured for approximately \$15,000 was entered into in this city during the state fair last fall.

SOLDIER SAVES 9
FROM FIRE DEATHScales Wall of Building and
Lowers Prisoners to the
Sidewalk.

St. Louis, Mo., May 27.—Samuel Fitzgerald, a United States soldier, saved nine persons from probable incineration early today. He was passing a frame house when a fire was discovered. The flames already had cut off all avenues of escape on the second floor. The soldier scaled the walls to the ledge, giving him access to the second floor windows. Here he lowered a woman, six children and two men to the arms of a policeman on the sidewalk.

Another Chicago Bank Closes.

Chicago, Ill., May 27.—Jackson Park bank closed its doors today. Deposits are \$65,000. It is the fifth private bank in Chicago to fail in two weeks.

Auto Licenses are 99,000.

Springfield, Ill., May 27.—Secretary of State Harry Woods reports that approximately 99,000 automobile licenses have been taken out thus far this year. The number eclipses by far any previous record.

Militant Fires at Policeman.

Past glories of the journey by road from London to Epsom departed with the advent of automobiles and high spirits usually characterizing a derby crowd in some degree were dampened by the presence of army police encamped about the ground to prevent violence to militant suffragettes.

Ada Rice, supposed militant, was arrested at Epsom Downs today after she had discharged a revolver with blank cartridges at a policeman. The powder burned through the policeman's trousers and blistered one of his legs.

The woman repudiated the suggestion that she was a suffragette, asserting her husband handed her the weapon in the morning to use in case she were molested.

Mrs. Pankhurst Released.

London, England, May 27.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, arrested during last week's suffragette raid on Buckingham palace, was again released from jail today, suffering from "hunger strike."